(5) The number of Departmental schools should be increased with a view to impart proper and improved instruction.

(6) More attention should be paid to the matter of selecting text-books. State aid is necessary in the production of useful books in literature. The number of text-books for the several classes should be reduced.

(7) Vernacular should be more largely used in official communications, etc. and men with higher Vernacular examination qualifications should be employed more largely in the Government service.

(8) Competent teachers should be appointed in the Elementary schools to teach English.

(9) The appointment of Range Inspectors might be abolished as their duties could be very well done by Assistant Inspectors.

(10) Lastly, the Member pointed out the desirability of opening a few L. G. E. Schools in some places, such as Chennankara in Neelamperur *pakuthi*, where more than 600 boys were without education for want of schools.

*Mr. K. Krishnan* (Member, Nominated) made some suggestions for improving Vernacular education. Firstly, he suggested that Vernacular Girls' schools also should be placed under the control of the Deputy Director of Public Instruction and said that the present system, under which it has been placed under a lady who did not know the Vernacular of the State, was not conducive to the best interests of the Vernacular. Secondly, sufficient facilities were not being afforded to raise the standard of the Vernacular. Sixteen years were necessary to finish a course of English education at School, whereas 7 years were considered enough for the Vernacular. The Member's suggestion was that steps should be taken to lengthen the Vernacular School course. Lastly, the Member represented that the minimum age for the School Final Examination candidate should be reduced from 15 to 12.

*Dewan's reply.*—Noted.

**116. Need for developing the Malayalam language.**

*Mr. Trivikrawar Vasudevar* (Member, Jenmi, Padmanabhapuram Division) said that the form of correspondence in the Vernacular adopted by subordinate officers of the Government in addressing private gentlemen was not as it ought to be. The form was, in many cases, open to objection. The Member prayed that the matter be enquired into by the Government and a proper form prescribed so as to obviate the complaint.

The Member also made the following suggestions for the consideration of the Government:—

(1) In all Government offices, correspondence should be carried on in Malayalam except in unavoidable cases.

(2) Arrangements should be made for the grant of translations of judgments of Courts. If necessary, extra fees might be charged for translation also.

(3) The Proceedings of the Town Improvement Committees should be ordered to be conducted in Malayalam. It was desirable to prepare the records of the Committee also in Malayalam.

(4) Such publications as the Census Report, the State Manual, etc., which were of general interest, should be arranged to be translated into Malayalam.

*Dewan's reply*—Noted.

**117. Desirability of opening a Tamil Higher Grade Elementary School at Chalai in Trivandrum.**

*Mr. S. V. E. A. Palasubrahmanyan Pandaram* (Member, Trading Classes, Trivandrum) said that the absence of a Tamil Higher Grade Elementary school at

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